Coyle Theatre, Monday, "KING BAGGOT," Tuesday, 2 Reel Bison "FOUR FOOTED HERO," New Years, Three Reel Feature, "VENGENCE OF EGYPT," and "THE GOAT GIRL OF BEAR CANYON." Coming soon, "THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM."

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DOUBLE MURDER RESULT OF CHRISTMAS SHOOTING

Frank Genoa Dies at Pittsburg Hospital From Bullet Wound

NO DATE FOR INQUEST

Coroner Investigating But Sets No Date for Official Inquiry

Without having divulged any clues that would lead to the arrest of the participants in the grim Christmas morning tragedy at California, Frank Genoa one of the men shot, died at the Mercy Hospital, in Pittsburg Sunday evening. Geno was taken to the hospital Christmas day with a bullet lodged at the base of his brain. James Cicero was instantly killed by a bullet through his heart in the bloody battle which took place at the confectionary shop of Charles Darben on the main street of California.

Genoa told the physicians who attended him that he had been wounded in a fight at Coal Centre. The officers learned sufficient in their investigations to convince them that he had received his wound in the battle in which Cicero died.

Charles Darben, who it is believed was wounded in the fight, his wife, their 4-year-old child and at least one other foreigner are still missing. Darben's wife is said to have been seen getting on the early train Christmas morning, but he is believed by many to still be in the neighborhood of California in hiding, awaiting until his wound heals to make good his escape.

Coroner James T. Heffran was notified of Genoa's death Sunday night but has not yet arranged for an inquest either for him or for Cicero. Genoa leaves a wife and four children in California. Friends it is said have claimed the body of Cicero.

UNABLE TO GET RIGHT OF WAY FOR TROLLEY

Because of trouble in getting complete rights of way between Charleroi and Bentleyville the West Side Railways company may not build their much talked of trolley line connecting up the towns for years to come At least that is the sentiment of one of the prominent members of the Railway company. Work is now going on in Bentleyville on the construction of a line running through the borough, but there is no evidence of construction work on the Charleroi-Bentleyville route.

So far, it is stated not much more than one-half of the rights of way between the towns have been secured. Owners of land are holding out until the officials of the company are getting discouraged in their attempts to reach a settlement.

An Unknown Mother
Three parts, Palace Theatre Monday, music by Palace orchestra. S&M

New Room for Decorating

Macbeth-Evans Department Moves From Old to Recently Built Structure

The decorating department of the Macbeth-Evans Glass company's local plant is now located in a new building recently finished back of the former decorating room. During the last three weeks the work of moving has been in progress, and this week the new room will be in operation. W. A. Miksch is the superintendent of the decorating department.

The decorating department will occupy the third floor of the building. The second floor is being used for storage, and the first floor will be used to give much needed space for another purpose.

PRAISES WORK OF POLICE

State Constabulary Has Big Harvest With Few Harvesters

COMPARISONS DRAWN

"The harvest is great and the harvesters" are few says John I Williams of Greensburg, a former member of the State Constabulary in a letter to a Monessen paper answering complaints emanating from Monessen that the State police have not been patroling this part of the Monongahela valley. Mr. Williams states that for actual field work there are only 228 men or about one for every 22,433 inhabitants, or by a further comparison about one to every 197 square miles in the State.

He says that the troop with headquarters at Greensburg has arrested ten murderers, also a large number of horse thieves, recovered a large number of stolen horses, and quantity of stolen goods, besides patroling a large territory within a six months period.

A Story of Love and Sorrow.
An Unknown Mother, three parts, Palace Theatre Monday.

Notice to Tax Payers.
The last month for 1912 borough taxes at face. Beginning January 1, 1913 five per cent will be added to all unpaid 1912 borough taxes.
J. W. Mathias,
Collector.
129-t6

Dancing at Donora.
New Year's afternoon and night at Donora, Pa. Afternoon at 2:30. Night, 8:30. 131-t5

WILL FIGHT FOR WIDOW'S PENSION BILL BY PICTURES

Slides to be Made for Use in Photoplay Houses in Advertisement of Measure to be Introduced in Legislature

Pittsburg moving picture theatres this week will begin their part in the work in the campaign for a mothers' pension law in this state. The legislative committee of the Young Ladies' Relief Society of Pittsburg has prepared a series of slides which will be thrown upon the screen calling attention to the movement in behalf of destitute mothers and orphans. At the same time pictures from other cities where the pension law is in effect will be shown in an effort to draw the comparison between children's conditions in their own homes and those who are obliged to grow up in public institutions.

The slides and pictures will be shown in more than 150 theatres in the film land of Allegheny county, the proprietors of the "movies" joining heartily in co-operation in the campaign. It is estimated that 10,000 persons will have the question of the pension law put up to them in this manner before the end of January.

Members of the state senate and house of representatives have recived letters from the society and the replies received indicate that not a single member of the western Pennsylvania delegation will oppose the bill. The legislators praise the young women for their worthy campaign and offer assistance in drafting a bill which will mean the greatest good to the greatest number. Early in January public meetings will be called by the society for the purpose of getting a general expression of the views of the people on the subject.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY VACATION AT END; GOOD ATTENDANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF SESSIONS TODAY

Start Made on Final Five Months of Term--Teachers Enthusiastic Over Institute--Local Instructors Honored

With a good after-holiday attendance the schools opened this morning for the last five months of the school term. The teaching corps was complete and fresh from institute teachers were enthusiastic with new ideas to be put into effect. The party of twelve Charleroi teachers returned Saturday and Sunday from Harrisburg where they attended the annual meeting of the State Educational Association, pronouncing the meeting in point of attendance and interest one of the best they had ever attended.

Two local teachers were honored by important appointments at the Harrisburg convention. Miss Etta M. Work, principal of the Second Street school, was re-elected secretary of the Grade Department of the State Educational Association, a position that she has held since the organization of that department three years ago. Miss Ella Greenwood was elected a member of the executive committee of the same department for the ensuing year.

CORONER'S JURY DECLARES MAN KILLED HIMSELF

At the inquest at Canonsburg Saturday on the death of Barney Bernstein, the Cleveland student who is supposed to have committed suicide Wednesday of last week by shooting himself in the presence of his fiance, Miss Esther Cahen, friends of the deceased tried hard to build up a murder case. A Cleveland attorney was present and the inquest, which was conducted by County Coroner J. T. Heffran, developed some sensational features at times. Some very suggestive questions were asked of the girl. it is stated but her testimony was so clear and straightforward that the jury brought in a verdict that the shooting was self-inflicted, but whether accidental or intentional, is not known. It was intimated that the relatives would make still further investigations, as they appeared to be dissatisfied with the verdict.

As previously stated, young Bernstein, who was a student in Cleveland, came to Canonsburg Christmas to visit Miss Esther Cahen, to whom it is stated he was engaged to be married. While sitting at the piano playing Bernstein is alleged to have drawn a revolver from his pocket and shot himself through the head, killing himself instantly.

WINTER CLUB DANCE.
The Winter Club will hold their weekly dance in Might's Auditorium Wednesday night, New Year's. Wheeler's orchestra. Select. 133-t2

Notice
Riggs and Stech, the most up-to-date Shoe Store in the valley will give to each and every new born baby a pair of soft sole shoes. Call at our store and make your selection. 118-tf

IMPROVEMENTS MADE DURING CHURCH YEAR

Rev. E. N. Duty, pastor of the First Christian church has prepared a report of his first year's work as pastor here, and of the improvements at the church property during that time. The total spent for improvements during the year was $1,609, of which the largest figure was $778 for new quartered oak pews. Refrescoing the church cost $306, and a new carpet for the church, the money for which was raised by the women members of the denomination, cost $350. The Men's Bible class prepared the basement for a class room for themselves at a cost of $60. A new door was placed between the Sunday School room and the church auditorium at a cost of $90.

For all purposes during the year $4,850 was raised. Funds were reported as follows by different organizations: Missions and benevolences, $147.05; local mission auxioliary, $77.85; Ladies' Aid society, $561.22; Bible school, $491.41; money raised for evangelistic meetings, $195.37; for general expenses $1,768.79.

The attendance of Rev. E. N. Duty at the inter-national convention of "Desciples of Christ," at Louisville, Ky, was made possible by a member of the church. Five were baptized Sunday night and others will be baptized next Sunday evening. Arrangements are being made for a lecture to be given on Friday evening, January 10 by Rev. F. A. Bright, on "Is Marriage a Failure?"

Wedded at Parkersburg.
Miss Emma Wilkinson of Coal Hill, Ohio and Fank Rigby, formerly of Charleroi, now of Middletown, Ohio, were married on December 26, at Parkersburg, W. Va.

OPEN HEADQUARTERS AT STATE CAPITAL

Candidates for Speaker of House Distinctly on the Job

DEMOCRATS ARE ACTIVE

Will Take Part in Fight--Prohibitionists Take Interest in Affairs

A dispatch from Harrisburg says that with the opening of headquarters there this week by Representatives George E. Alter and George W. Allen the rival candidates for speaker of the house, the first of the numerous headquarters for the legislature of 1913 will be established. The Democratic State Committee and the Prohibition State Committee have headquarters there permanently and will handle their legislative program from their offices, where meetings will be held, but other headquarters will be opened.

Henry G. Wasson, the Republican state chairman, will open offices in Harrisburg early in January and the Washington party people will also have headquarters. The State Woman Suffrage Association has already leased offices near the Capitol and the State Grange is looking for a suite. The State Federation of Labor will also maintain offices and the railroad brotherhoods will have permanent offices from which to direct the fight for their bills. In addition various agricultural organization will have officers for pushing their bills.

Officials of the third class cities are also preparing to have a place in Harrisburg from which to work for their bills and the commission form of government advocates mean to have men on the ground, just as will the political committees, the Granges and the railroad men and miners. Altogether the outlook is for a tremendous amount of activity among people interested in legislation. There will also be two publicity bureaus, one maintained by the Democrats and the other by the Washington party people, which will furnish to newspapers in various counties records of their members on legislation.

Automobile Is Burned

Machine Belonging to Monongahela Men Destroyed on County Road

The five passenger automobile belonging to John Hodgson, of the firm of Scurfield & Hodgson of Monongahela was completely destroyed by fire Sunday evening at 6 o'clock on the Bentleyville road near the residence of Attorney Harry Cannon. The machine was driven by Harry Scurfield, who was returning from the county. Near the Cannon farm the engine stopped and Scurfied got out to investigate. He lifted the hood. Flames burst out, the gasoline ignited and the automobile was soon reduced to ashes and twisted metal. Mr. Cannon and an employe went to Mr. Scurfield's assistance but were unable to save the car.

BOY HURT COASTING ON STREET

One Has Head Cut--Two Others Are Bruised Up Considerably

SLED HITS CURB STONE

Three boys had a narrow escape from very serious injury while coasting on Fifth street Saturday afternoon. Angelo Reed, an Italian youngster of about nine years had to be taken to a doctor's office with a wicked looking gash in his temple. William Lauderback, a year or so older than the Italian lad perhaps, and Joe Armstrong, a younger boy, escaped with bruises.

All three boys were on one sled with Lauderback guiding. Coming down the hill at a terrific rate, control of the sled was lost, and it dashed against the curb stone at the corner of Washington avenue and Fifth street. The boys obeyed the first law of motion by keeping on going until they brought up against a telephone post. Ross hit the pole headlong and was the worst hurt.

Once Seen Never Forgotten
Pathetic drama in three parts, An Unknown Mother. Palace Theatre Monday. S&M

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BIG FEATURE AT PALACE TONIGHT

The story of "The Unknown Mother," the big three reel feature at the Palace Theatre tonight, is that of an Itlaian count who has a daughter born to him, which he acknowledged, but as the child of an unknown mother. The girl grows up amid luxury and when her hand is asked in marriage her father reveals to her lover that she is the daughter of an unknown mother, who is still living. This causes a temporary separation. The girl searches for her mother, and after her father's death finds her. The mother, however, has fallen in evil ways and becomes jealous of her daughter, and after a happy reconciliation of the daughter and her lover, the mother is slain by the man who was formerly her lover.

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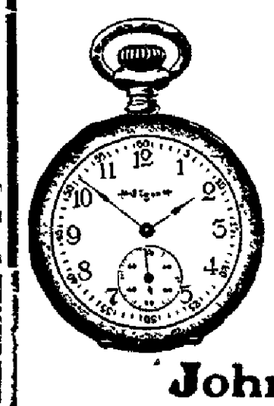

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

A significant utterance which reflects the public sentiment of the day is found in the annual review of business political and social conditions in the Weekly Financial Review issued by the banking house of Henry Clews & Co., of New York. This weekly commercial publication is accepted everywhere in this country as one of the clearest and most accurate expositors of the business and financial condition of the country, and is virtually considered a guide in the business world. In regard to the closing year the Review says:

"The year just closing has been crowded with significant experiences. It has been a year of striking social and political unrest. The whole world is in the melting pot as never before. and the United States is doing its part in the process of separating the dross from the finer products of civilization. On social lines the unrest is vividly seen in the desire for better living, both materially and morally. Our material progress has been phenomenal. Wealth has grown enormously and the way is being slowly and somewht painfully paved for its ultimately more equitable distribution. Our moral progress is amply proved by the signal awakening of the public conscience, and by the energetic efforts to eliminate or at least curtail the evils so glaring in our business and social life.

"Never before was vice of all forms so relentlessly exposed; and never before was there such a determination to restrain or repress it. If there is anything about such movements to warrant hope and confidence in American institutions. it is this development of a distinct upward movement in public standards of conduct. This may be observed in all departments of business and public life and it is apparent to all familiar with the control of affairs that many things readily permitted a decade ago would on no account be tolerated today, simply because of an aroused public opinion and the establishment of higher standards of conduct.

"There is no doubt that more has been accomplished in this direction by appeals to public opinion than by legislation. The same is true of our political life. The process of purification has been going steadily on, and one of the most encouraging features in this connection is the noticeable bringing into office of men of a higher type than formerly; men not only of ability but of distinctly higher ideas and greater integrity."

The Review then goes on to state that although there are great problems ahead for the government to solve, a brilliant future is in store for our country, as the better element in politics is bound to control and this will infuse a new spirit of progress in business and place it on a better and more stable footing.

BETTER GO SLOW.

Those people who are agitating for the taxation of corporations for local purposes had better investigate a little before they become too active. It may not be generally understood by the public that the corporations bear the brunt of taxation for state purposes, paying more than one-third of the entire revenue of the state. To tax them locally would be taxing them twice. As the courts have decided that a corporation's equipment represents its capital stock, the corporation cannot be taxed on the right of way, poles, wires, etc., for local purposes, as the corpration taxe for state purposes is supposed to equalize the local ratest of individuals. In other words, the corporation is taxed on its capital stock for state purposes, at a rate which relieves the individual from practically any state taxes the prorata being something like 14 cents a year for each individual.

Whidle other states tax corporations locally, they do not tax them so heavily for state purposes, and the individual taxpayer has to came across with his direct share of state taxes. There is no state in the union whose tax is less burdensome individually than Pennsylvania's. In this state where taxes are burdensome it is due to extravagance of county and municipal management. If the corporations are to be taxed locally, the individuals will have to pay more taxes for state purposes. Therefore, it is a good plan to let well enough alone.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

Now is the time for all good men to send New Year's post cards.

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The express heads are confident that the new parcels post system will fail. What is the old Scriptural quotation? "There is none so blind as those who will not see."

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Oft in the stilly night,
Ere slumber's chain has bound me.
Sad memory brings the light
Of grocery bills remind me.

'Tis a fearful thing in winter
To be shattered by the blast,
And to get a bill for butter
That was never fairly classed.
—Connellsville Courier.

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Some beefsteak has a taste like gold and still is not good.

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Col. Roosevelt was shot, Taft has been dynamited and President-elect Wilson threatened. Still there are a few brave men left who would be willing to become President

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An exchange remarks that "full many a poet has been born to blush unseen and waste his fragrance on time copy."

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Editor Pore on the Monessen Independent might take comfort in the thought that it takes a well known man to receive a dynamite threat.

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It is about time somebody was discovering that Bryan's grandmother or his great aunt was born in Washington county.

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Other Washington county towns wouldn't beat Charleroi if given a chance. We sent only a dozen to the State Educational Institute and they wouldn't even try to surpass it.

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Running for the speakership of the State House of Representatives seems to be fraught with about as much difficulty as running through a crowd for a train.

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It's a toss-up as to which is the more crooked, the M. and W. branch, the Waynesburg-Washington branch or the Redstone branch.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

Reducing the cost of living is a problem that has everybody "by the ears" as it were. To own one's own house and to have even the outward semblance of prosperity is denied most people. But cheer up—there is hope at least. Here is a California woman who bought a lot, built a house and maintained herself on $10 a week. She tells how she did it in the Pictorial Review for December, as follows:

"I bought a lot for five hundred dollars—ten dollars down and five dollars a month. My remaining capital was $100.00, and I bought enough lumber to build a shell on the rear of my lot. I moved in with a trunk, table and chair, a few dishes, frying pans and kettle, a covered cooking dish, wash dish and dish pan—all bought at the ten cent store. A broom, a cheap lamp, and a one-burner oil stove completed my outfit.

"Never shall I forget my pride when I had gas installed for lighting and cooking, my monthly bill being from sixteen to twenty-four cents. I bought a little gas plate for fifty cents, a little oven for a dollar, a galvanized tub for seventy-five cents and a 'plunger' for seventy-five cents, and my cooking and laundry equipment seemed perfect. The effective powders and soaps reduced my laundry bill to a trifle. I bought two flat-irons with a patent handle and invariably cooked all foods requiring time on the iron when ironing, which conserved the heat amazingly.

"In summer I pack 'greens' in a jar, salt each layer and cover and weight each jar with a stone. It will be in perfect condition for winter use after being thoroughly washed. I take my luncheon, generally sandwiches, a little pot of jelly and many little dainties not possible to any one who does not have a home table to my place of business.

"I bought a good brush with a pot of paint and whenever I could manage it, painted my interior woodwork and gradually the outside of the house, so it was very presentable.

"With ten dollars a week, have been decently clad, well-fed, have bought a desirable lot and built a home."

FIREPROOF BUILDINGS.

They Must Be Analyzed as Such Apart From Their Contents.

Many people think that the term "fireproof" is a misnomer, that there is no such thing as a fireproof building and that the use of the term gives one too great a sense of security. This attitude has been brought about largely by the destruction of serious damages of certain buildings that were supposed to have been fireproof and by the fact that many persons think because a building is fireproof it should in some occult fashion prevent the contents from burning.

It is a matter of record that when buildings called fireproof have been destroyed they have been found to have violated some fundamental principle of the really fireproof building.

A fireproof building must be considered apart from its contents, for the structure itself can in no way prevent the burning of combustible material within it except the spread of fire. It is true that as yet we have not attained the absolutely fireproof building, since even the best fireproofing material we have today is somewhat damageable by fires, but we can and do erect structures that are practically fireproof.

The term "fireproof" in building construction means a capability of withstanding fire without being materially damaged. A fireproof building, therefore, may be defined as one that is capable of having its contents cremated without material impairment structurally. That is, all burnable material may be destroyed, but the structure itself will remain intact, requiring only the replacement of some of the fireproofing and the interior finish to make it again ready for occupancy.—F. P. Walther in Engineering Magazine

Raiment of the Coster.

The English costermonger must be fearfully and wonderfully clothed judging from the following coster tailor's advertisement in a London paper:

"A slap-up togs and kicksies builder with upper Benjamins slipped on a downy plan with moleskins of hanky panky design, with a double fakement down the sides and artful buttons at bottom, with kicksies cut pegtop, half tight, or to drop loose over the trotters, with fancy vests made to flash the dickey, or to fit tight round the scrag."

Domestic Joys.

"Rosa my mother-in-law is coming for a long visit tomorrow. Here is a list of her favorite dishes."

"Yes, sir."

"Well, the first time you give us one of these you'll get a week's notice."—Fliegende Blatter

Not Abel.

In a county court recently an inquiry was made as to why a defendant named Cain was not present "Because he isn't able" cried a voice from the back of the court.—London Mail.

THE "GOBLIN FRIAR."

One of the Specters That Are Said to Haunt Newstead Abbey.

Newstead abbey, the home of Lord Byron, has the reputation of being haunted by more than one specter, and many curious noises and strange sights have been heard and seen by residents and visitors there. But the best known and most noted specter connected with the place and immortalized in Byron verse is the "Goblin Friar." The particular chamber which this specter is supposed especially to frequent and which is known par excellence as the "haunted chamber" adjoins Byron's bedroom. Lord Byron and many others not only believed in the existence of the Black Friar, but asserted that they had really seen it. It did not confine its visitations, however, to the "haunted chamber," but at night walked the cloisters and other portions of the abbey.

A monk arrayed
In cowl and beads and dusky garb appeared,
Now in the moonlight and now lapsed in shade,
With steps that trod as heavy, yet unheard.

This apparition is the evil genius of the Byrons, and its appearance portends misfortune of some kind to the member of the family to whom it appears. Lord Byron fully believed that he beheld this apparition a short time before the greatest misfortune of his life, his ill starred union with Miss Millbanke Alluding to his belief in these things, he said:

I merely mean to say what Johnson said—
That in the course of some six thousand years
All nations have believed that from the dead
A visitant at intervals appears,
And what is strangest upon this strange head
Is that whatever bars the reason rears
Against such beliefs there's something stronger still
In its behalf, let those deny who will.
—Kansas City Star.

HAYDN AND THE ROD.

When the Budding Composer Was Flogged by Royal Command.

An amusing incident of the healthy boyhood of the great composer, Joseph Haydn, is given by Mary Maxwell Moffat in her biography of the Austrian empress, Maria Theresa.

When von Reutter became choirmaster of St Stephen's cathedral he had Joseph Haydn among his pupils.

During a visit to the Hungarian Prince Esterhazy, in 1773, Maria Theresa took occasion to say a word of praise to Haydn, who had composed the music of the opera given in her honor and had conducted the performance. She expressed the conviction that she had seen him before, although she could not remember the occasion

"The last time your majesty was pleased to take notice of me," said Haydn, "you ordered me a good thrashing."

"That does not sound like me," rejoined the empress "How did it happen?"

Then Haydn told of a Whitsuntide when, with other pupils of Von Reutter, he had been brought to Schoenbrunn to sing in the chapel Between the services the boys took to clambering over the scaffolding of the new wings of the palace The empress caught sight of them and sent word forbidding the dangerous sport. But the attraction of the scaffolding was irresistible. On the following day the boys were again risking their necks When Maria Theresa expostulated with Von Reutter his surmise that the ringleader was "that young scamp, Joseph Hadyn," led her to suggest that the rod be used to improve his memory.

The Glowworm Cavern.

The greatest wonder of the antipodes is the celebrated glowworm cavern, discovered in 1891 in the heart of the Tasmanian wilderness The cavern or caverns (there appears to be a series of such caverns in the vicinity, each separate and distinct) are situated near the town of Southport, Tasmania, in a limestone bluff, about four miles from Ida bay The appearance of the main cavern is that of an underground river, the entire floor of the subterranean passage being covered with water about a foot and a half in depth. These wonderful Tasmanian caves are similar to all caverns found in limestone formation, with the exception that their roofs and sides literally shine with the light emitted by the millions of glowworms which inhabit them

Strange Cure For Lunacy.

Our forefathers were so fond of the whip that they seem to have regarded it as a cure for lunacy and even for smallpox. The accounts of a Huntingdonshire parish under date 1691 have the entry, "P'd in charges taking up a distracted woman, watching her and whipping her next day, 8s. 6d.," and a few years later eightpence is paid for "whipping two people yt had the smallpox."—London Standard

How, Indeed?

Small Boy—Sister said to ask if you had any invisible ink New Drug Clerk (after looking among some bottles)—I guess we haven't, at least I don't see any Small Boy (contemptuously)—Huh! How do you expect to see it if it's invisible?—Chicago News

Tart Retort.

Restaurant patron (caustically)—I am glad to see your baby has shut up, madam Mother—Yes, sir You are the only thing that's pleased him since he saw the animals eat at the zoo—Puck.

If your spirits are low do something, and if you have been doing something do something different.—E. E. Hale.

Breakfast In a Good, Warm Room

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Tiger and Lion.

"One time, in order to test the courage of a Bengal tiger and a lion,' said a well known showman, "we placed Chinese crackers in the respective cages and fired the fuses. As soon as the fuses began to burn they attracted the attention of both animals, but in a widely different manner. The lion drew into a corner and watched the proceedings with a distrustful and uneasy eye. The tiger, on the contrary, advanced to the burning fuse with a firm step and unflinching gaze On reaching the cracker he began to roll it over the floor with his paw, and when it exploded beneath his nose he did not flinch, but continued his examination until perfectly satisfied. The lion betrayed great fear when he heard the report of the explosion and for quite a time could not be coaxed out of his den."—London Tit-Bits.

Victoria and the Future.

Queen Victoria's childlike faith in the future life is touchingly revealed in her published letters to Dr. Boyd Carpenter The only fear that troubled her was lest those she loved who had left this world before her might have outgrown her companionship "I feel only this doubt,' she wrote to Carpenter "on account of my dear husband, whose tastes were of a higher and different order from mine and who had different interests perhaps from mine I am far more fit now to be his companion than I used to be, but still I know that he must have soared higher than me"

Her Simplicity.

A silly little lady had a husband, a lover of gayety, who was inclined to neglect his wife. This lady while spending the winter in Devonshire said one day at the country postoffice:

"Dear me! what a silly mistake you postoffice people have made!"

"How, madam?" asked the clerk

"Why," she explained, with a titter, "here I have just got a letter from my husband, who is working hard in London, and the envelope is postmarked Monte Carlo."—London Queen.

Getting Round It.

She (complainingly)—Before we were married you used to bring me flowers almost every day, but now you never think of buying me even a bunch of violets. He (gallantly)—The pretty flower girls don't attract my attention so much as they used to. She—Oh you darling! Never mind, I don't really care for flowers anyway.—New York Journal

Not Murder.

Curran was one day walking with a friend, who, hearing a person say "curosity" for "curiosity," exclaimed "How that man murders the English language!"

"Not so bad as that," replied Curran "He has only knocked an 'I' out."

A Diplomat.

The Child—Mother, which had I better do, go to school in the rain and get soaking wet and probably catch cold and die or just simply get an absent mark against my name?—Exchange.

His Name Is Legion.

"What an exceedingly strenuous player he is!"

"Oh, yes. Bob's a decided hard worker when he's not working!"—Puck.

There is no more perfect endowment in man than political virtue.—Plutarch

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A BATTLE IN THE SEA.

Wanton Slaughter When Bluefish and Menhaden Meet.

Did you ever see bluefish charge a school of menhaden at sea? That is something worth seeing. The bluefish throw their lines forward until they almost surround the menhaden, and they attack them flank and rear. The menhaden fairly make the water boil in their efforts to escape, while all around the enemy is at them tearing relentlessly.

Into all this commotion comes a great shark. It's a picnic for the shark, a school of menhaden all herded up for his benefit. It swims leisurely into the midst of them, opens its mouth and takes in half a dozen menhaden at a gulp. It swims around and bites out half a dozen more from the school. It gorges itself without effort.

But the menhaden are not nearly as much disturbed by the presence of the monster swimming about among them as they are by the charging bluefish. The shark takes half a dozen fish or more at a bite, while the bluefish only bites a piece out of a single fish, but there is only one shark, while there may be thousands of bluefish plunging and tearing incessantly and killing and maiming at every stroke.

The shark's a brute, but under such circumstances the menhaden have less of fear than they have of contempt for him.

WONDERS OF BAALBEC.

A Building Problem That Has Puzzled Modern Engineers.

Baalbec, or Baalbek, is the name given a ruined city lying in ancient Coele, Syria, forty-five miles northwest of Damascus.

There is nothing particularly remarkable about a ruined city being found in the locality mentioned, but the size of the blocks of stone used by the ancient builders of this particular city is something that has puzzled the modern engineers since the day when Baalbec was first made the Mecca of the oriental traveler.

There are immense stones on every side of the visitor to this ancient pile of ruins, but the three most remarkable blocks—said to be the largest ever used in the construction of a building—are in a wall back of the temple of Baal.

These immense stones are respectively sixty-four, sixty-three and sixty-two feet in length and each is thirteen feet in thickness, but the most wonderful thing in connection with them is the fact they are at a place in the wall twenty-five feet from the ground. How these immense blocks of granite were ever raised to such a height is a question that has never yet been answered.

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"Have no fear, general," was the response of the intrepid caballero. "I would far rather that history should record from where I fled than where I fell."

The general's mind was probably relieved of anxiety concerning the fate of at least one individual in his command by this reply.

Black Under the Eyes Explained.

"In the north country"—so goes the story in "Sun Babies," by Cornelia Sorabja—"in the month of Kartik is worshiped by the women folks the great and terrible god Bhishma. Lighted lamps must be placed at the cross roads of the village, under the sacred fig tree at the shrine of Shiva, and one little lighted lamp is sent adrift on a raft in the village tank. When the lamps have burned low it is good to rub the black from the wicks under the eyes. It keeps away the evil one. So that is the reason to this day we women put the black beneath the eyes."

Natural Ear Trumpets.

It has been ascertained that the spiral horn of a wild sheep, when so placed that the ear is in the axis of the coil, makes the direction from which the ticking of a watch comes more easily discernible. Since the ear of the sheep is surrounded by the horn it is inferred that the latter acts as an ear trumpet, not improving the hearing for distant sounds, but disclosing the direction of a sound. This would be useful in enabling the sheep to ascertain the exact points whence sounds come when there is a mist or fog covering its feeding grounds.—Exchange.

Saved by Knowledge.

In the cotton picking season in Texas a negro who had gone into the country to work returned very much disgusted.

"Didn' yo' git no offahs ter pick in cotton?" asked a friend.

"Sech ez dey was. White man done offered me one-third o' wat Ah could pick. Ah done tuk a look at de fiel' an' saw dat when it wah all picked it wouldn't amount ter one-third. So Ah done hit out fer home."

"Youall was in luck not ter git rooken none."

"Yassuh. Ah done went ter school an' studied rifentick when Ah was young."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Strange Young Man.

"Didn't I see your daughter with a strange young man last night?"

"You certainly did. When he asked daughter to go with him for some ice cream he asked her mother to go along, and he went home at 10 o'clock without any hints, and he wears sane socks and doesn't seem to think he knows it all. He certainly is a strange young man!"—Houston Post.

Gallant.

"That pen will never come to perfection," remarked a young woman walking through a garden with Sydney Smith.

"Then let me lead perfection to the pen," said he, gallantly offering her his arm.

Where to Get It.

"A simple look is all I crave," said the sentimental young man to the heiress.

"Then you'd better consult your mirror," she replied tartly.

Not Either as Yet.

"Er—I want some sort of a present for a young lady."

"Sweetheart or sister?"

"Er—why, she hasn't said which she will be yet."

MADE THE CLERKS WORK.

A Senator Wanted Information and Found a Way to Get It.

"Congress makes lots of unnecessary trouble for the government clerks," said a veteran employee, "but the worst case I know of occurred some years ago. A certain senator asked the comptroller of the currency to tell him how much stock a certain man had in a national bank. He was informed that such information was regarded as confidential and could not be given out.

"'We'll see about that,' said the senator, who was plainly disappointed and displeased.

"Several days later he secured the passage of a resolution calling upon the secretary of the treasury to furnish the senate with the names and holdings of the stockholders in all the national banks in the country. He really wanted to know only the interest of one man in a bank, but he knew that he couldn't get a resolution of that kind through the senate, so he included the stockholders in all national banks.

"It took the entire force of the comptroller's office several weeks to prepare the information, and when it reached the senate nobody paid any attention to it except the author of the resolution, and he merely looked at the mass of papers only long enough to see about the man he was after and then tossed the papers aside. It was an immense lot of work for nothing."—Washington Star.

A Wonderful Toy.

Perhaps the most wonderful toy in the world is owned by a Russian prince, who lavished a fortune of $60,000 on a mechanical theater. The stage is fitted up with every necessary in the shape of scenery and machinery that modern skill has devised, and the actors are figures as large as life, all dressed as sumptuously and appropriately as their living prototypes. The prince's repertoire covers almost all the most popular operas, and it is only necessary to press a button to set the whole marvelous machinery in motion. The actors make their entry on the stage and play their varied parts with appropriate gesture, while a number of phonographs supply the vocal parts in the voices of the leading operatic singers.

Quite Deaf.

When a defendant in Edgware police court said that he wished to call his mother as a witness the court officer observed that she had been in court all the time and had heard the evidence.

The Mother (from the rear of the court)—Yes, but I'm stone deaf and can't hear a word. The Clerk (in a whisper)—Quite deaf? The Mother—Yes.

The January

White Sale

This is the month of opportunities for women, because during the first month of the year two very important sales take place. Besides the January Clearance, we have the big White Sale, in which are included:

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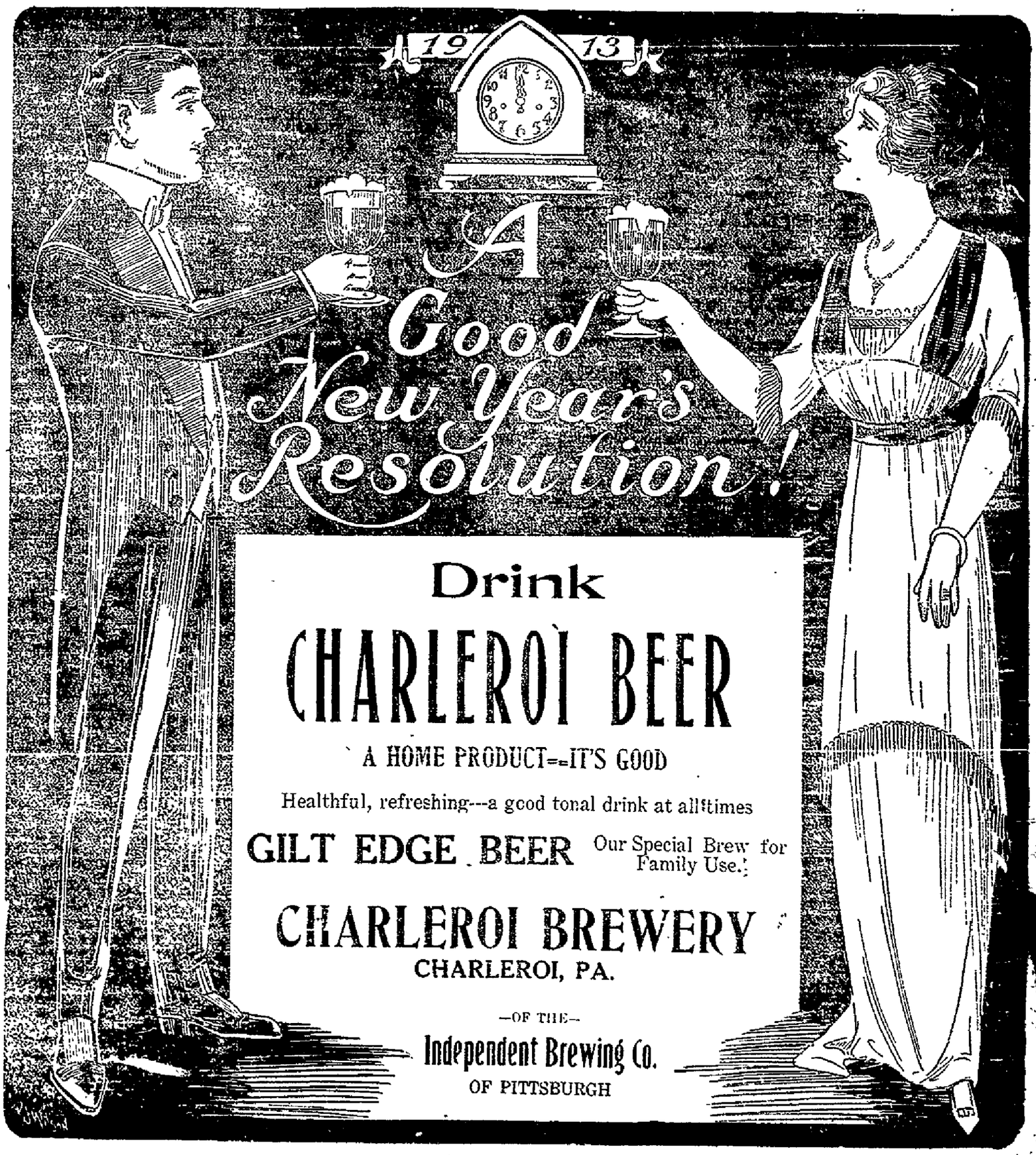

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PERSONAL AND LOCAL

(The Mail is anxious to publish all items of local interest, such as accounts of parties, entertainments or the like in this column and invites its readers to hand in notes of such. Names of those present at various functions will be published to a limited number. Personals are especially desired. More important items will be given under special head.)

Miss Lottie Michener was a visitor at Coal Centre with friends Sunday.

Miss Edith McKean and brother James McKean have returned to their home in Woodlawn after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Michener.

Miss Katharine Laird of Williamsport, who has been visiting her sister, Miss Margaret Laird, is ill. Miss Laird is a teacher in the Williamsport schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gear and children of Connellsville have returned home after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Wingett, of Washington avenue.

William Clark was a week end visitor with Thomas and Archie Kirk at Beaver.

Mrs. Clarence Christener has been visiting in Uniontown with friends.

Howard Hughes of Washington, who is a student at Harvard college, has returned to the county seat town after visiting friends in Charleroi.

Tonight the Washington County Club of the Pennsylvania State College will hold its fourth annual dance in the Might Auditorium here. A number of out of town people will be present at the function.

Misses Wilda and Alfred Painter of Avalon, Miss Marie Seitel of Emsworth and Miss Mytle Morris of Wilkinsburg have returned home after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis McCook of Third street.

Mrs. Willis McCook is spending the day in Pittsburg.

E. B. Thomas has returned from a visit in Ohio during the holidays.

Robert Reed of Detroit, Mich., was here last week to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lysle.

Miss Laura Lysle visited friends in Homestead the latter part of last week.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Higgins, of 425 McKean avenue, a daughter.

Mrs. Joseph Shilling is absent on a few weeks' visit with her sons, G. C. Shilling of Greenville, and George E. Shilling, of Franklin.

Miss Tena Estenfeldeer has gone to Latrobe for a few days' visit.

Dr. and Mrs. O. S. Kelley of Donora were spending Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McGowan of North Charleroi.

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BELLE VERNON MAN SAID TO HAVE TRIED SUICIDE SATURDAY

Robrt D. Potter, aged 28, prominent at Belle Vernon and in Monessen and assistant to the chief shipper of the Pittsburg Steel Company at Monessen, is said in a dispatch to a Pittsburg paper to have attempted to end his life by shooting himself with a revolver at his home at Belle Vernon Sunday morning.

Potter had been absent from home since last Tuesday and his absence over Christmas worred his wife, whom he married in June, 1911. Potter returned at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning and when he found the house locked and darkened he is said to have fired a bullet from his revolver apparently to see if the weapon was in working order. His wife raised a window and asked him where he had been, and in reply Potter is alleged to have fired a bullet into his left temple.

The wounded man was carried into his house and physicians worked with him until Sunday morning when he was taken to the McKeesport hospital. At the hospital Sunday evening it was said Potter probably would die.

Equal to the Emergency.

Being equal to an emergency helps one out of plights into which the best of us sometimes fall. A certain actor came so belated to the theater one evening when he was to play Othello in the tragedy of that name that he forgot to blacken his hands and rushed on the stage with them white and his face sooty. Of course the audience giggled, and poor Othello, when he realized the cause of the mirth, was almost unable to proceed with his part and so deeply mortified that when he made his exit after his first scene he declared that he could not finish the performance, but a happy thought struck him. He procured a pair of flesh colored gloves, blackened his hands, put the gloves on and walked quietly on again. There was quite a little tittering as the Moor went on with his lines, but it entirely subsided as during a speech of one of the other characters the dusky lover carefully drew off his gloves, disclosing hands to match his face. Then those whose risibles had been affected felt small and awkward.

A Wonderful Moss.

One of the most wonderful specimens of vegetable life known to the botanist is the "life moss" of Jamaica, Barbados and other of the West Indian islands. There are several species of tropical plants which have remarkable tenacity of life, but the "life moss" and the story of its vitality are almost beyond belief, its powers to live under adverse circumstances being certainly beyond that of any other known plant. It appears to be absolutely indestructible by any means except by immersion in boiling water or the application of a redhot iron to its roots and branching vines. It may be cut up and divided into infinitesimal particles, and then the very smallest shred will throw out roots and soon grow and form new branches and buds. Specimens of this extraordinary plant have been suspended in the air in a dry, hot room; they have been placed in close, air tight dark boxes, without moisture of any sort, and yet they lived, grew and flourished.

A Sundial That "Struck."

Paris is said to posses more sundials than any other city in the world. In the eighteenth century the sundial was popular in Paris. Every day at noon the sundial of the Palais Royal was the center of interest of an eager crowd. A writer tells of a "great crowd in the corner of the Palais Royal garden, standing motionless, with their noses in the air." Each was waiting for noon, having his watch in hand, ready to set at 12 o'clock. When the Duke of Orleans was altering the palace in 1782 the Parisians were much disturbed, thinking that they were to be deprived of their favorite sundial. But the duke not only preserved the sundial, but added to it a little powder magazine, which was so arranged that it exploded when the sunlight fell upon it, thus notifying every one who heard the explosion that the hour of noon had arrived. Later a cannon, which was discharged by the sun at noon, gave the signal.

Information Not Needed.

A middle aged woman went into a shop and without hesitation made straight for the crape counter. The girl who handled this funeral material was extremely affable.

"We have a large stock of crapes," she explained. "Let me show you some new French goods, very popular at this time for every kind of mourning and designed to express every degree of grief. If you will tell me for whom you are in mourning I can fix you out in exactly the right thing."

"Husband," replied the customer briefly.

"In that case," said the girl graciously, "I can tell you just what"—

"Young lady," interrupted the older woman angrily, "you needn't bother yourself. This is the fourth husband I've buried, and I know all about it."—St. Paul Dispatch.

Too Much For Webster.

In the somewhat famous case of Mrs. Bodgen's will, which was tried in the supreme court many years ago, Daniel Webster appeared as counselor for the appellant. Mrs. Greenough, wife of the Rev. William Greenough, was a very self possessed witness. Notwithstanding Mr. Webster's repeated efforts to disconcert her, she pursued the even tenor of her way until Webster, becoming quite fearful of the result, arose, apparently in great agitation, and, drawing out his large muffbox, thrust his thumb and finger to the very bottom and, carrying a deep pinch to both nostrils, drew it up with gusto, and then, extracting from his pocket a very large handkerchief, he blew his nose with a report that rang distinct and loud through the crowded hall.

He then asked, "Mrs. Greenough was Mrs. Bodgen a neat woman?"

"I cannot give you full information as to that, sir. She had one very dirty trick," replied the witness.

"What was that, ma'am?"

"She took snuff!"

Resting on His Laurels.

An undertaker was discussing queer sepultures.

"A queer sepulture indeed," he said, "was that of a German playwright, Gustave von Moser. Von Moser kept in his house a costly and beautiful urn. He purposed to be cremated, and his ashes were to be put in the urn afterward.

"But the strangest thing about the urn was that it contained a little bed of ashes during Von Moser's life. He used, you see, to get a good many laurel wreaths when his new plays were put on, and he would take a sprig from each wreath, burn it and drop the ashes into the urn.

"'My own ashes,' he would say, 'will lie on top. Thus after death it may be truly said of me that I am resting on my laurels."—New York Tribune.

Flags We Have Known.

The first flag to float over American soil was the royal standard of Isabella, emblazoned with the arms of Castile and Leon. A white flag with a green cross was its companion. Some years after Columbus landed at San Salvador the Cabots planted the banner of England and of St. Mark of Venice on the eastern shore of North America. In the centuries that have intervened since a variety of national flags have waved where now only the stars and stripes is the accepted emblem. Over Texas have floated the French, Spanish, English, American and Confederate; in Louisiana the lilies of France, the Spanish flag, the tricolor, the American and Confederate flags; in California the Spanish, Mexican, Russian and American.

Moors Consider Us Dirty.

A habit of our own which we consider far more cleanly than eating with our fingers is looked upon by the Moors as filthy—that is, washing our hands or face in a basin and, still more, taking a bath where the water is not running. The cleaner we become, they say, the dirtier the water we are washing with must necessarily become, and eventually we step forth as cleansed from water which is no longer clean. A Moor to wash his hands has the water poured from a vessel over them and never by any chance dips them into the dirty water. The same way in their baths. The water is thrown over their bodies out of bright brass bowls and flows away through holes in the marble or tile floor.

Mammy's Expedient.

Little Rastus was becoming very objectionable in school because his wool was growing longer and longer, far beyond the cutting stage. The teacher tried hinting to no purpose and then told him outright to go have his hair cut, giving him a quarter for the purpose.

Rastus broke out crying and said "No, ma'am; I dassn't hab it cut. My mammy, she wants a new switch, and she's done a-growin' it on me."—Ladies' Home Journal.

In a Bad Way.

"I fear that my husband will break down. He is suffering from brain exhaustion."

"How dreadful! What are his symptoms?"

"He latterly keeps repeating himself in his excuses for coming home late from the club, dear."

What She Really Wanted.

Ferdie had just proposed to Millie.

"No, Ferdie," she said; "I cannot marry you. The man who gets me must be a grand man, upright and square."

"My dear girl," said Ferdie, "you don't want a man; you want a piano."—Exchange.

Translating the Definition.

Johnny—Papa, what does precocious mean? Papa—It means—a—it is a term applied to children who know more than is usual at their age. Johnny—Oh, yes; it means a fresh kid!

For Appearance.

"How can you marry a man as old as all that?"

"Well, mother says I will look well in white, and sister says I will look well in black."—Pittsburgh Post.

Money and Trouble.

"Money, after all, means nothing but trouble."

"Still, it is the only kind of trouble which it is hard to borrow."—Baltimore American.

He that falls into sin is a man; he that grieves at it is a saint; that boasteth of it is a devil.—Fuller

DECREASE NOTED BY RETTRNS OF SPEERS BOROUGH

The triennial valuation returns at Washington from Speers shows a general decline in valuations in that borough according to the assessment as compared with that of 1912. In 1912 the number of taxables returned were 105, but for 1913 the number is 84. The value of occupations is $8,660 as against $9,730 for 1912. The value of houses and lots as returned for 1913 is $70,675. For 1912 it was $130,750. Money at interest for 1912 was returned at $27,000. The return for 1913 is $24,500. For county purposes the total valuation is returned at $139,060. For 1912 it was $140,770.

WILL ENTERTAIN AT RECEPTION ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Richards have issued invitations for a New Year's reception to be held in the lecture room of the Methodist Episcopal church here Wednesday evening, January 1 at 7:30 o'clock.

ENTERTAINMEET GIVEN SATURDAY AT TURNER HALL

An entertainment, at which a Christmas tree was displayed and a treat distributed to children, was held at the Turner Verein hall on McKean avenue Saturday night. There were 148 presents distributed. Dancing and music followed this part of the program. An entertainment is being arranged to be held on New Year's evening.

A Queen Anne Mince Pie.

Take a large cow's tongue; parboil it; to three pounds of tongue take five pounds of beef suet, cut the tongue in thin slices and shred it, but shred the suet by itself; when they are both pretty fine put in the suet by degrees; keep shredding them both together till they are as fine almost as flour; then put in three pounds of currants, being first clean washed, picked and dried; cloves, mace, nutmeg, cinnamon, beat very fine, all together three-quarters of an ounce; half a pound of white sugar, a pound of dates stoned and shredded, three ounces of green citron, three ounces of candied orange cut into small thin bits, the yellow rind of two raw lemons grated, three spoonfuls of verjuice, a gill of malaga sack, half a gill of rosewater. These being well mingled, fill your pies; have a care they do not stand too long in the oven to dry after they are just enough.—From a Cookbook of 1705

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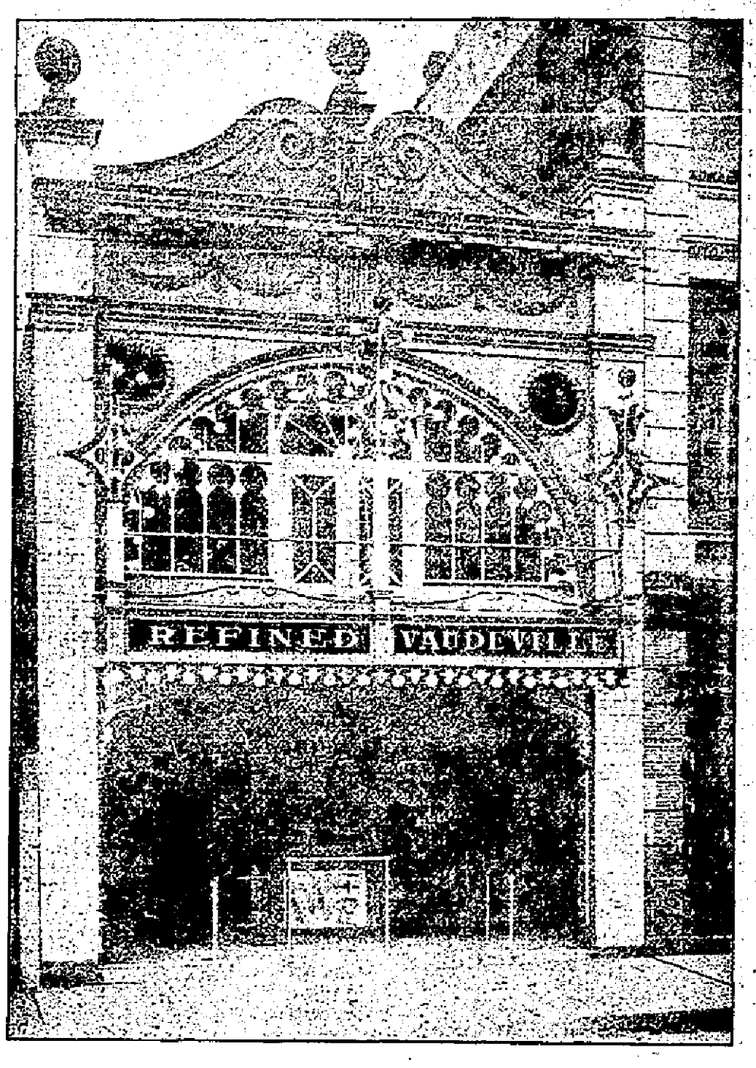

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DOUBLE MURDER RESULT OF CHRISTMAS SHOOTING

Frank Genoa Dies at Pittsburg Hospital From Bullet Wound

NO DATE FOR INQUEST

Coroner Investigating But Sets No Date for Official Inquiry

Without having divulged any clues that would lead to the arrest of the participants in the grim Christmas morning tragedy at California, Frank Genoa one of the men shot, died at the Mercy Hospital, in Pittsburg Sunday evening. Geno was taken to the hospital Christmas day with a bullet lodged at the base of his brain. James Cicero was instantly killed by a bullet through his heart in the bloody battle which took place at the confectionary shop of Charles Darben on the main street of California.

Genoa told the physicians who attended him that he had been wounded in a fight at Coal Centre. The officers learned sufficient in their investigations to convince them that he had received his wound in the battle in which Cicero died.

Charles Darben, who it is believed was wounded in the fight, his wife, their 4-year-old child and at least one other foreigner are still missing. Darben's wife is said to have been seen getting on the early train Christmas morning, but he is believed by many to still be in the neighborhood of California in hiding, awaiting until his wound heals to make good his escape.

Coroner James T. Heffran was notified of Genoa's death Sunday night but has not yet arranged for an inquest either for him or for Cicero. Genoa leaves a wife and four children in California. Friends it is said have claimed the body of Cicero.

UNABLE TO GET RIGHT OF WAY FOR TROLLEY

Because of trouble in getting complete rights of way between Charleroi and Bentleyville the West Side Railways company may not build their much talked of trolley line connecting up the towns for years to come At least that is the sentiment of one of the prominent members of the Railway company. Work is now going on in Bentleyville on the construction of a line running through the borough, but there is no evidence of construction work on the Charleroi-Bentleyville route.

So far, it is stated not much more than one-half of the rights of way between the towns have been secured. Owners of land are holding out until the officials of the company are getting discouraged in their attempts to reach a settlement.

An Unknown Mother

Three parts, Palace Theatre Monday, music by Palace orchestra. S&M

New Room for Decorating

Macbeth-Evans Department Moves From Old to Recently Built Structure

The decorating department of the Macbeth-Evans Glass company's local plant is now located in a new building recently finished back of the former decorating room. During the last three weeks the work of moving has been in progress, and this week the new room will be in operation. W. A. Miksch is the superintendent of the decorating department.

The decorating department will occupy the third floor of the building. The second floor is being used for storage, and the first floor will be used to give much needed space for another purpose.

PRAISES WORK OF POLICE

State Constabulary Has Big Harvest With Few Harvesters

COMPARISONS DRAWN

"The harvest is great and the harvesters" are few says John L. Williams of Greensburg, a former member of the State Constabulary in a letter to a Monessen paper answering complaints emanating from Monessen that the State police have not been patroling this part of the Monongahela valley. Mr. Williams states that for actual field work there are only 228 men or about one for every 22,488 inhabitants, or by a further comparison about one to every 197 square miles in the State.

He says that the troop with headquarters at Greensburg has arrested ten murderers, also a large number of horse thieves, recovered a large number of stolen horses, and quantity of stolen goods, besides patroling a large territory within a six months period.

A Story of Love and Sorrow.

An Unknown Mother, three parts, Palace Theatre Monday.

Notice to Tax Payers.

The last month for 1912 borough taxes at face. Beginning January 1, 1913 five per cent will be added to all unpaid 1912 borough taxes.

J. W. Mathias,
Collector.
129-t6

Dancing at Donora.

New Year's afternoon and night at Donora, Pa. Afternoon at 2:30. Night, 8:30. 131-t5

WILL FIGHT FOR WIDOW'S PENSION BILL BY PICTURES

Slides to be Made for Use in Photoplay Houses in Advertisement of Measure to be Introduced in Legislature

Pittsburg moving picture theatres this week will begin their part in the work in the campaign for a mothers' pension law in this state. The legislative committee of the Young Ladies' Relief Society of Pittsburg has prepared a series of slides which will be thrown upon the screen calling attention to the movement in behalf of destitute mothers and orphans. At the same time pictures from other cities where the pension law is in effect will be shown in an effort to draw the comparison between children's conditions in their own homes and those who are obliged to grow up in public institutions.

The slides and pictures will be shown in more than 150 theatres in the film land of Allegheny county, the proprietors of the "movies" joining heartily in co-operation in the campaign. It is estimated that 10,000 persons will have the question of the pension law put up to them in this manner before the end of January.

Members of the state senate and house of representatives have recived letters from the society and the replies received indicate that not a single member of the western Pennsylvania delegation will oppose the bill. The legislators praise the young women for their worthy campaign and offer assistance in drafting a bill which will mean the greatest good to the greatest number. Early in January public meetings will be called by the society for the purpose of getting a general expression of the views of the people on the subject.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY VACATION AT END; GOOD ATTENDANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF SESSIONS TODAY

Start Made on Final Five Months of Term--Teachers Enthusiastic Over Institute--Local Instructors Honored

With a good after-holiday attendance the schools opened this morning for the last five months of the school term. The teaching corps was complete and fresh from institute, teachers were enthusiastic with new ideas to be put into effect. The party of twelve Charleroi teachers returned Saturday and Sunday from Harrisburg where they attended the annual meeting of the State Educational Association, pronouncing the meeting in point of attendance and interest one of the best they had ever attended.

Two local teachers were honored by important appointments at the Harrisburg convention. Miss Etta M. Work, principal of the Second Street school, was re-elected secretary of the Grade Department of the State Educational Association, a position that she has held since the organization of that department three years ago. Miss Ella Greenwood was elected a member of the executive committee of the same department for the ensuing year.

CORONER'S JURY DECLARES MAN KILLED HIMSELF

At the inquest at Canonsburg Saturday on the death of Barney Bernstein, the Cleveland student who is supposed to have committed suicide Wednesday of last week by shooting himself in the presence of his fiance, Miss Esther Cahen, friends of the deceased tried hard to build up a murder case. A Cleveland attorney was present and the inquest, which was conducted by County Coroner J. T. Heffran, developed some sensational features at times. Some very suggestive questions were asked of the girl, it is stated but her testimony was so clear and straightforward that the jury brought in a verdict that the shooting was self-inflicted, but whether accidental or intentional, is not known. It was intimated that the relatives would make still further investigations, as they appeared to be dissatisfied with the verdict.

As previously stated, young Bernstein, who was a student in Cleveland, came to Canonsburg Christmas to visit Miss Esther Cahen, to whom it is stated he was engaged to be married. While sitting at the piano playing Bernstein is alleged to have drawn a revolver from his pocket and shot himself through the head, killing himself instantly.

WINTER CLUB DANCE.

The Winter Club will hold their weekly dance in Might's Auditorium Wednesday night, New Year's. Wheeler's orchestra. Select. 188-t2

Notice

Riggs and Stech, the most up-to-date Shoe Store in the valley will give to each and every new born baby a pair of soft sole shoes. Call at our store and make your selection. 118-tf

IMPROVEMENTS MADE DURING CHURCH YEAR

Rev. E. N. Duty, pastor of the First Christian church has prepared a report of his first year's work as pastor here, and of the improvements at the church property during that time. The total spent for improvements during the year was $1,609, of which the largest figure was $778 for new quartered oak pews. Refrescoing the church cost $306, and a new carpet for the church, the money for which was raised by the women members of the denomination, cost $350. The Men's Bible class prepared the basement for a class room for themselves at a cost of $60. A new door was placed between the Sunday School room and the church auditorium at a cost of $90.

For all purposes during the year $4,850 was raised. Funds were reported as follows by different organizations: Missions and benevolences, $147.05; local mission auxiliary, $77.85; Ladies' Aid society, $561.22; Bible school, $491.41; money raised for evangelistic meetings, $195.37; for general expenses $1,768.79.

The attendance of Rev. E. N. Duty at the inter-national convention of "Desciples of Christ," at Louisville, Ky, was made possible by a member of the church. Five were baptized Sunday night and others will be baptized next Sunday evening. Arrangements are being made for a lecture to be given on Friday evening, January 10 by Rev. F. A. Bright, on "Is Marriage a Failure?"

Wedded at Parkersburg.

Miss Emma Wilkinson of Coal Hill, Ohio and Frank Rigby, formerly of Charleroi, now of Middletown, Ohio, were married on December 26, at Parkersburg W. Va.

OPEN HEADQUARTERS AT STATE CAPITAL

Candidates for Speaker of House Distinctly on the Job

DEMOCRATS ARE ACTIVE

Will Take Part in Fight--Prohibitionists Take Interest in Affairs

A dispatch from Harrisburg says that with the opening of headquarters there this week by Representatives George E. Alter and George W. Allen the rival candidates for speaker of the house, the first of the numerous headquarters for the legislature of 1913 will be established. The Democratic State Committee and the Prohibition State Committee have headquarters there permanently and will handle their legislative program from their offices, where meetings will be held, but other headquarters will be opened.

Henry G. Wasson, the Republican state chairman, will open offices in Harrisburg early in January and the Washington party people will also have headquarters. The State Woman Suffrage Association has already leased offices near the Capitol and the State Grange is looking for a suite. The State Federation of Labor will also maintain offices and the railroad brotherhoods will have permanent offices from which to direct the fight for their bills. In addition various agricultural organization will have officers for pushing their bills.

Officials of the third class cities are also preparing to have a place in Harrisburg from which to work for their bills and the commission form of government advocates mean to have men on the ground, just as will the political committees, the Granges and the railroad men and miners. Altogether the outlook is for a tremendous amount of activity among people interested in legislation. There will also be two publicity bureaus, one maintained by the Democrats and the other by the Washington party people, which will furnish to newspapers in various counties records of their members on legislation.

Automobile Is Burned

Machine Belonging to Monongahela Men Destroyed on County Road

The five passenger automobile belonging to John Hodgson, of the firm of Scurfield & Hodgson of Monongahela was completely destroyed by fire Sunday evening at 6 o'clock on the Bentleyville road near the residence of Attorney Harry Cannon. The machine was driven by Harry Scurfield, who was returning from the county. Near the Cannon farm the engine stopped and Scurfied got out to investigate. He lifted the hood. Flames burst out, the gasoline ignited and the automobile was soon reduced to ashes and twisted metal. Mr. Cannon and an employe went to Mr. Scurfield's assistance but were unable to save the car.

BOY HURT COASTING ON STREET

One Has Head Cut--Two Others Are Bruised Up Considerably

SLED HITS CURB STONE

Three boys had a narrow escape from very serious injury while coasting on Fifth street Saturday afternoon. Angelo Reed, an Italian youngster of about nine years had to be taken to a doctor's office with a wicked looking gash in his temple. William Lauderback, a year or so older than the Italian lad perhaps, and Joe Armstrong, a younger boy, escaped with bruises.

All three boys were on one sled with Lauderback guiding. Coming down the hill at a terrific rate, control of the sled was lost, and it dashed against the curb stone at the corner of Washington avenue and Fifth street. The boys obeyed the first law of motion by keeping on going until they brought up against a telephone post. Ross hit the pole headlong and was the worst hurt.

Once Seen Never Forgotten

Pathetic drama in three parts, An Unknown Mother. Palace Theatre Monday. S&M

New Years Eve Dance.

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BIG FEATURE AT PALACE TONIGHT

The story of "The Unknown Mother," the big three reel feature at the Palace Theatre tonight, is that of an Italian count who has a daughter born to him, which he acknowledged, but as the child of an unknown mother. The girl grows up amid luxury and when her hand is asked in marriage her father reveals to her lover that she is the daughter of an unknown mother, who is still living. This causes a temporary separation. The girl searches for her mother, and after her father's death finds her. The mother, however, has fallen in evil ways and becomes jealous of her daughter, and after a happy reconciliation of the daughter and her lover, the mother is slain by the man who was formerly her lover.

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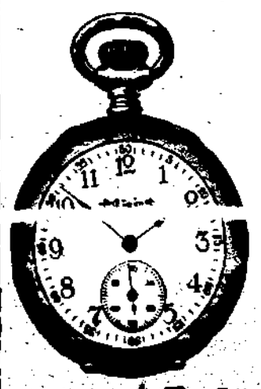

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

A significant utterance which reflects the public sentiment of the day is found in the annual review of business political and social conditions in the Weekly Financial Review issued by the banking house of Henry Clews & Co., of New York. This weekly commercial publication is accepted everywhere in this country as one of the clearest and most accurate expositors of the business and financial condition of the country, and is virtually considered a guide in the business world. In regard to the closing year the Review says:

"The year just closing has been crowded with significant experiences. It has been a year of striking social and political unrest. The whole world is in the melting pot as never before, and the United States is doing its part in the process of separating the dross from the finer products of civilization. On social lines the unrest is vividly seen in the desire for better living, both materially and morally. Our material progress has been phenomenal. Wealth has grown enormously and the way is being slowly and somewhat painfully paved for its ultimately more equitable distribution. Our moral progress is amply proved by the signal awakening of the public conscience, and by the energetic efforts to eliminate or at least curtail the evils so glaring in our business and social life.

"Never before was vice of all forms so relentlessly exposed, and never before was there such a determination to restrain or repress it. If there is anything about such movements to warrant hope and confidence in American institutions, it is this development of a distinct upward movement in public standards of conduct. This may be observed in all departments of business and public life and it is apparent to all familiar with the control of affairs that many things readily permitted a decade ago would on no account be tolerated today, simply because of an aroused public opinion and the establishment of higher standards of conduct.

"There is no doubt that more has been accomplished in this direction by appeals to public opinion than by legislation. The same is true of our political life. The process of purification has been going steadily on, and one of the features in this connection is the noticeable bringing into office of men of a higher type than formerly; men not only of ability but of distinctly higher ideas and greater integrity."

The Review then goes on to state that although there are great problems ahead for the government to solve, a brilliant future is in store for our country, as the better element in politics is bound to control, and this will infuse a new spirit of progress in business and place it on a better and more stable footing.

BETTER GO SLOW.

Those people who are agitating for the taxation of corporations for local purposes had better investigate a little before they become too active. It may not be generally understood by the public that the corporations bear the brunt of taxation for state purposes, paying more than one-third of the entire revenue of the state. To tax them locally would be taxing them twice. As the courts have decided that a corporation's equipment represents its capital stock, the corporation cannot be taxed on the right of way, poles, wires, etc., for local purposes, as the corporation tax for state purposes is supposed to equalize the local ratest of individuals. In other words, the corporation is taxed on its capital stock for state purposes, at a rate which relieves the individual from practically any state taxes the prorata being something like 14 cents a year for each individual.

Whilde other states tax corporations locally, they do not tax them so heavily for state purposes, and the individual taxpayer has to came across with his direct share of state taxes. There is no state in the union whose tax is less burdensome individually than Pennsylvania's. In this state where taxes are burdensome it is due to extravagance of county and municipal management. If the corporations are to be taxed locally, the individuals will have to pay more taxes for state purposes. Therefore, it is a good plan to let well enough alone.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

Now is the time for all good men to send New Year's post cards.

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The express heads are confident that the new parcels post system will fail. What is the old Scriptural quotation? "There is none so blind as those who will not see."

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Oft in the stilly night
Ere slumber's chain has bound me.
Sad memory brings the light
Of grocers' bills remind me.

'Tis a fearful thing in winter
To be shattered by the blast.
And to get a bill for butter
That was never fairly classed.
—Connellsville Courier.

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Some beefsteak has a taste like gold and still is not good.

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Col. Roosevelt was shot, Taft has been dynamited and President-elect Wilson threatened. Still there are a few brave men left who would be willing to become President.

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An exchange remarks that "full many a poet has been born to blush unseen and waste his fragrance on time copy."

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Editor Pore on the Monessen Independent might take comfort in the thought that it takes a well known man to receive a dynamite threat.

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It is about time somebody was discovering that Bryan's grandmother or his great aunt was born in Washington county.

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Other Washington county towns wouldn't beat Charleroi if given a chance. We sent only a dozen to the State Educational Institute and they wouldn't even try to surpass it.

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Running for the speakership of the State House of Representatives seems to be fraught with about as much difficulty as running through a crowd for a train.

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It's a toss-up as to which is the more crooked, the M. and W. branch, the Waynesburg-Washington branch or the Baltimore branch.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

Reducing the cost of living is a problem that has everybody "by the ears" as it were. To own one's own house and to have even the outward semblance of prosperity is denied most people. But cheer up—there is hope at least. Here is a California woman who bought a lot, built a house and maintained herself on $10 a week. She tells how she did it in the Pictorial Review for December, as follows:

"I bought a lot for five hundred dollars—ten dollars down and five dollars a month. My remaining capital was $100.00, and I bought enough lumber to build a shell on the rear of my lot. I moved in with a trunk, table and chair, a few dishes, frying pans and kettle, a covered cooking dish, wash dish and dish pan—all bought at the ten cent store. A broom, a cheap lamp, and a one-burner oil stove completed my outfit.

"Never shall I forget my pride when I had gas installed for lighting and cooking, my monthly bill being from sixteen to twenty-four cents. I bought a little gas plate for fifty cents, a little oven for a dollar, a galvanized tub for seventy-five cents and a 'plunger' for seventy-five cents, and my cooking and laundry equipment seemed perfect. The effective powders and soaps reduced my laundry bill to a trifle. I bought two flat-irons with a patent handle and invariably cooked all foods requiring time on the iron when ironing, which conserved the heat amazingly.

"In summer I pack 'greens' in a jar, salt each layer and cover and weight each jar with a stone. It will be in perfect condition for winter use after being thoroughly washed. I take my luncheon, generally sandwiches, a little pot of jelly and many little dainties not possible to any one who does not have a home table to my place of business.

"I bought a good brush with a pot of paint and whenever I could manage it, painted my interior woodwork and gradually the outside of the house, so it was very presentable.

"With ten dollars a week, have been decently clad, well-fed, have bought a desirable lot and built a home."

FIREPROOF BUILDINGS.

They Must Be Analyzed as Such Apart From Their Contents.

Many people think that the term "fireproof" is a misnomer, that there is no such thing as a fireproof building and that the use of the term is one too great a sense of security. This attitude has been brought about largely by the destruction of so-called fireproof buildings that were supposed to have been fireproof and to the fact that many persons think because a building is built of stone, iron or some other incombustible material its contents from burning.

It is a matter of record that when buildings called fireproof have been destroyed they have been found to have violated some fundamental principle of the really fireproof building.

A fireproof building must be considered apart from its contents for the structure itself can in no way prevent the burning of combustible material within it except the spread of fire. It is true that as yet we have not attained the absolutely fireproof building, since even the best fireproof building material we have today is somewhat damageable by fires, but we can and do erect structures that are practically fireproof.

The term "fireproof" in building construction means a capability of withstanding fire without being materially damaged. A fireproof building, therefore, may be defined as one that is capable of having its contents cremated without material impairment structurally. That is, all burnable material may be destroyed, but the structure itself will remain intact, requiring only the replacement of some of the fireproofing and the interior finish to make it again ready for occupancy.—P. P. Walther in Engineering Magazine.

Raiment of the Coster.

The English costermonger must be fearfully and wonderfully clothed judging from the following coster tailor's advertisement in a London paper:

"A slap-up togs and kicksies builder with upper Benjamins snipped on a downy plan, with moleskins of hanky panky design, with a double fakement down the sides and artful buttons at bottom, with kicksies cut pegtop, bait tight, or to drop loose over the trotters, with fancy vests made to flash the dickey, or to fit tight round the scrag."

Domestic Joys.

"Rosa, my mother-in-law is coming for a long visit tomorrow. Here is a list of her favorite dishes."

"Yes, sir."

"Well, the first time you give us one of these you'll get a week's notice."—Fliegende Blatter.

Not Abel.

In a county court recently an inquiry was made as to why a defendant named Cain was not present. "Because he isn't able," cried a voice from the back of the court.—London Mail.

THE "GOBLIN FRIAR."

One of the Specters That Are Said to Haunt Newstead Abbey.

Newstead abbey, the home of Lord Byron, has the reputation of being haunted by more than one specter, and many curious noises and strange sights have been heard and seen by residents and visitors there. But the best known and most noted specter connected with the place and immortalized in Byron verse is the "Goblin Friar." The particular chamber which this specter is supposed especially to frequent and which is known par excellence as the "haunted chamber" adjoins Byron's bedroom. Lord Byron and many others not only believed in the existence of the Black Friar, but asserted that they had really seen it. It did not confine its visitations, however, to the "haunted chamber," but at night walked the cloisters and other portions of the abbey.

A monk arrayed
In cowl and beads and dusky garb appeared.
Now in the moonlight and now lapsed in shade,
With steps that trod as heavy, yet unheard.

This apparition is the evil genius of the Byrons, and its appearance portends misfortune of some kind to the member of the family to whom it appears. Lord Byron fully believed that he beheld this apparition a short time before the greatest misfortune of his life, his ill starred union with Miss Millbanke. Alluding to his belief in these things, he said:

I merely mean to say what Johnson said—
That in the course of some six thousand years
All nations have believed that from the dead
A visitant at intervals appears,
And what is strangest upon this strange head
Is that whatever bars the reason rears
Gainest such beliefs there's something stronger still
In its behalf, let those deny who will.
—Kansas City Star.

HAYDN AND THE ROD.

When the Budding Composer Was Flogged by Royal Command.

An amusing incident of the healthy boyhood of the great composer, Joseph Haydn, is given by Mary Maxwell Moffat in her biography of the Austrian empress, Maria Theresa.

When von Reutter became choirmaster of St. Stephen's cathedral he had Joseph Haydn among his pupils.

During a visit to the Hungarian Prince Esterhazy, in 1773, Maria Theresa took occasion to say a word of praise to Haydn, who had composed the music of the opera given in her honor and had conducted the performance. She expressed the conviction that she had seen him before, although she could not remember the occasion.

"The last time your majesty was pleased to take notice of me," said Haydn, "you ordered me a good thrashing."

"That does not sound like me," rejoined the empress. "How did it happen?"

Then Haydn told of a Whitsuntide when, with other pupils of Von Reutter, he had been brought to Schoenbrunn to sing in the chapel. Between the services the boys took to clambering over the scaffolding of the new wings of the palace. The empress caught sight of them and sent word forbidding the dangerous sport. But the attraction of the scaffolding was irresistible. On the following day the boys were again risking their necks. When Maria Theresa expostulated with Von Reutter his surmise that the ringleader was "that young scamp, Joseph Haydn," led her to suggest that the rod be used to improve his memory.

The Glowworm Cavern.

The greatest wonder of the antipodes is the celebrated glowworm cavern discovered in 1891 in the heart of the Tasmanian wilderness. The cavern or caverns (there appears to be a series of such caverns in the vicinity, each separate and distinct) are situated near the town of Southport, Tasmania, in a limestone bluff, about four miles from Ida bay. The appearance of the main cavern is that of an underground river, the entire floor of the subterranean passage being covered with water about a foot and a half in depth. These wonderful Tasmanian caves are similar to all caverns found in limestone formation, with the exception that their roofs and sides literally shine with the light emitted by the millions of glowworms which inhabit them.

Strange Cure For Lunacy.

Our forefathers were so fond of the whip that they seem to have regarded it as a cure for lunacy and even for smallpox. The accounts of a Huntingdonshire parish under date 1691 have the entry, "Pd. in charges taking up a distracted woman, watching her and whipping her next day, 8s. 6d.," and a few years later eightpence is paid for "whipping two people yt had the smallpox."—London Standard.

How, Indeed?

Small Boy—Sister said to ask if you had any invisible ink. New Drug Clerk (after looking among some bottles)—I guess we haven't, at least I don't see any. Small Boy (contemptuously)—Huh! How do you expect to see it if it's invisible?—Chicago News.

Tart Retort.

Restaurant patron (caustically)—I am glad to see your baby has shut up, madam. Mother—Yes, sir. You are the only thing that's pleased him since he saw the animals eat at the zoo.—Puck.

If your spirits are low do something, and if you have been doing something do something else.

Breakfast In a Good, Warm Room

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Tiger and Lion.

"One time, in order to test the courage of a Bengal tiger and a lion," said a well known showman, "we placed Chinese crackers in the respective cages and fired the fuses. As soon as the fuses began to burn they attracted the attention of both animals, but in a widely different manner. The lion drew into a corner and watched the proceedings with a distrustful and uneasy eye. The tiger, on the contrary, advanced to the burning fuse with a firm step and unflinching gaze. On reaching the cracker he began to roll it over the floor with his paw, and when it exploded beneath his nose he did not flinch, but continued his examination until perfectly satisfied. The lion betrayed great fear when he heard the report of the explosion and for quite a time could not be coaxed out of his den."—London Tit Bits.

Victoria and the Future.

Queen Victoria's childlike faith in the future life is touchingly revealed in her published letters to Dr. Boyd Carpenter. The only fear that troubled her was lest those she loved who had left this world before her might have outgrown her companionship. "I feel only this doubt," she wrote to Carpenter, "on account of my dear husband, whose tastes were of a higher and different order from mine and who had different interests perhaps from mine. I am far more fit now to be his companion than I used to be, but still I know that he must have soared higher than me."

Her Simplicity.

A silly little lady had a husband, a lover of games, who was inclined to neglect his wife. This lady while spending the winter in Devonshire said one day at the country postoffice:

"Dear me, what a mistake you postoffice people have made!"

"How, mad'm?" asked the clerk.

"Why," she explained, with a titter, "here I have just got a letter from my husband who is working hard in London, and the envelope is postmarked 'Monte Carlo.'"—London Queen.

Getting Round It.

She (coaxingly)—Before we were married you used to bring me flowers almost every day, but now you never think of buying me even a bunch of violets. He (gallantly)—The pretty flower girls don't attract my attention so much as they used to. She—Oh you darling! Never mind. I don't really care for flowers anyway.—New York Journal.

Not Murder.

Curran was one day walking with a friend, who, hearing a person say "curosity" for "curiosity," exclaimed: "How that man murders the English language!"

"Not so bad as that," replied Curran. "He has only knocked an 'i' out."

A Diplomat.

The Child—Mother, which had I better do, go to school in the rain and get soaking wet and probably catch cold and die or just simply get an absent mark against my name?—Exchange.

His Name Is Legion.

"What an exceedingly strenuous player he is!"

"Oh, yes. Bob's a devoted hard worker when he's not working!"—Puck.

There is no more perfect endowment in man than political virtue.—Plutarch.

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A BATTLE IN THE SEA.

Wanton Slaughter When Bluefish and Menhaden Meet.

Did you ever see bluefish charge a school of menhaden at sea? That is something worth seeing. The bluefish throw their lines forward until they almost surround the menhaden, and they attack them flank and rear. The menhaden fairly make the water boil in their efforts to escape, while all around the enemy is at them tearing relentlessly.

Into all this commotion comes a great shark. It's a picnic for the shark, a school of menhaden all herded up for his benefit. It swims leisurely into the midst of them, opens its mouth and takes in half a dozen menhaden at a gulp. It swims around and bites out half a dozen more from the school. It gorges itself without effort.

But the menhaden are not nearly as much disturbed by the presence of the monster swimming about among them as they are by the charging bluefish. The shark takes half a dozen fish or more at a bite, while the bluefish only bites a piece out of a single fish, but there is only one shark, while there may be thousands of bluefish plunging and tearing incessantly and killing and maiming at every stroke.

The shark's a brute, but under such circumstances the menhaden have less of fear than they have of contempt for him.

WONDERS OF BAALBEC.

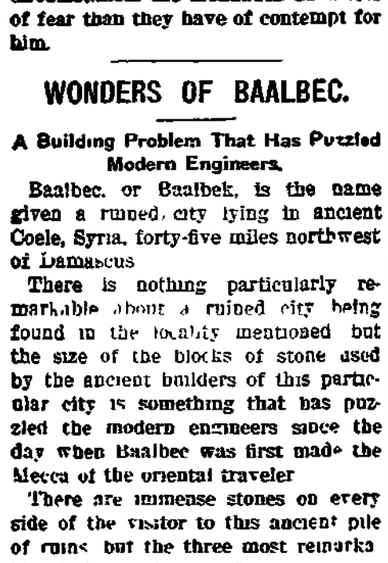
A Building Problem That Has Puzzled Modern Engineers.

Baalbec, or Baalbek, is the name given a ruined city lying in ancient Coele, Syria, forty-five miles northwest of Damascus.

There is nothing particularly remarkable about a ruined city being found in the locality mentioned, but the size of the blocks of stone used by the ancient builders of this particular city is something that has puzzled the modern engineers since the day when Baalbec was first made the Mecca of the oriental traveler.

There are immense stones on every side of the visitor to this ancient pile of ruins, but the three most remarkable blocks—said to be the largest ever used in the construction of a building—are in a wall back of the temple of Baal.

These immense stones are respectively sixty four, sixty three and sixty two feet in length and each is thirteen feet in thickness, but the most wonderful thing in connection with them is the fact they are at a place in the wall twenty-five feet from the ground. How these mammoth blocks of granite were ever raised to such a height is a question that has never yet been answered.



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The Better Part of Valor.

Nobody ever called in question the courage of the early Spanish settlers of California, but there seems to have been at least one man among their descendants who held discretion to be the better part of valor. A certain Don Andreas was interviewed by his superior officer on the eve of an engagement with the enemy and was warned that the American was a very different foe from the Indian or the Mexican and that courage should not be pushed to rashness in an encounter with him.

"Have no fear, general," was the response of the intrepid caballero. "I would far rather that history should record from where I fled than where I fell."

The general's mind was probably relieved of anxiety concerning the fate of at least one individual in his command by this reply.

Black Under the Eyes Explained.

"In the north country"—so goes the story in "Sun Babies," by Cornelia Sorabji—"in the month of Kartik is worshiped by the women folks the great and terrible god Bhishma. Lighted lamps must be placed at the crossroads of the village, under the sacred fig tree, at the shrine of Shiva, and one prize horned lamb is sent adrift on a raft in the village tank. When the lamps have burned low it is good to rub the black from the wicks under the eyes. It keeps away the evil one. So that is the reason to this day we women put the black beneath the eyes."

Natural Ear Trumpets.

It has been ascertained that the spiral horn of a wild sheep, when so placed that the ear is in the axis of the coil, makes the direction from which the ticking of a watch comes more easily discernible. Since the ear of the sheep is surrounded by the horn it is inferred that the latter acts as an ear trumpet not improving the hearing for distant sounds, but disclosing the direction of a sound. This would be useful in enabling the sheep to ascertain the exact point whence sounds come when there is a mist or fog covering its feeding grounds.—Exchange.

Steel Globes In Space.

If two solid balls of tempered steel each the size of the earth and hard as the harveyized face of armor plate, were taken in two Jovian hands, placed gently together in space and released what would happen? They would behave exactly as if they were liquid: they would coalesce like two great drops of water, and the highest prominence or mountain on the new globe could not have a height of fifty miles, because anything so high as that would flatten out under its own weight.—Hudson Maxim in Youth's Companion.

Broke the Spell.

Judge E. Rockwood Hoar, remarking on President Lincoln's dry humor, said that on one occasion a delegation of negroes had waited on Mr. Lincoln and were evidently at a loss to know just what to say. The president waited awhile and then remarked:

"Well, all who are here seem to be present."

This self evident proposition broke the ice and removed the spell from the African jaw.

Natural Knowledge.

In the old slave days a negro on a plantation in Texas was ordered to work [illegible] much disgusted.

"Didn't you sit no collards for pick to cotton?" asked a friend.

"Sho, dey was. White man done offered me one-third o' war. Ah could pick 'em done talk a heap o' de time, but Ah knew dey when it wah all picked at couldn't amount ter one-third. So Ah done lit out fer home."

"Yaall was in luck not ter get fooled none."

"Yassuh. Ah done went ter school an' studied dilentick when Ah was young."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Strange Young Man.

"Didn't I see your daughter with a strange young man last night?"

"You certainly did. When he asked daughter to go with him for some ice cream he asked her mother to go along, and he went home at 10 o'clock without any hints, and he wears sane socks and doesn't seem to think he knows it all. He certainly is a strange young man!"—Houston Post.

Gallant.

"That pea will never come to perfection," remarked a young woman walking through a garden with Sydney Smith.

"Then let me lead perfection to the pea," said he, gallantly offering her his arm.

Where to Get It.

"A simple look is all I crave," said the sentimental young man to the heiress.

"Then you'd better consult your mirror," she replied tartly.

Not Either as Yet.

"Er—I want some sort of a present for a young lady."

"Sweetheart or sister?"

"Er—why, she hasn't said which she will be yet."

MADE THE CLERKS WORK.

A Senator Wanted Information and Found a Way to Get It.

"Congress makes lots of unnecessary trouble for the government clerks," said a veteran employee, "but the worst case I know of occurred some years ago. A certain senator asked the comptroller of the currency to tell him how much stock a certain man had in a national bank. He was informed that such information was regarded as confidential and could not be given out.

"'We'll see about that,' said the senator, who was plainly disappointed and displeased.

"Several days later he secured the passage of a resolution calling upon the secretary of the treasury to furnish the senate with the names and holdings of the stockholders in all the national banks in the country. He really wanted to know only the interest of one man in a bank, but he knew that he couldn't get a resolution of that kind through the senate, so he included the stockholders in all national banks.

"It took the entire force of the comptroller's office several weeks to prepare the information, and when it [illegible] attention to it except the author of the resolution, and he merely looked at the mass of papers only long enough to see about the man he was after and then tossed the papers aside. It was an immense lot of work for nothing."—Washington Star.

A Wonderful Toy.

Perhaps the most wonderful toy in the world is owned by a Russian prince, who lavished a fortune of $60,000 on a mechanical theater. The stage is fitted up with every accessory in the shape of scenery and machinery that modern skill has devised, and the actors are figures as large as life, all dressed as sumptuously and appropriately as their living prototypes. The prince's repertoire covers almost all the most popular operas, and it is only necessary to press a button to set the whole marvelous machinery in motion. The actors make their entry on the stage and play their varied parts with appropriate gesture, while a number of phonographs supply the vocal parts in the voices of the leading operatic singers.

Quite Deaf.

When a defendant in Edgware police court said that he wished to call his mother as a witness the court officer observed that she had been in court all the time and had heard the evidence.

The Mother (from the rear of the court)—Yes, but I'm stone deaf and can't hear a word. The Clerk (in a whisper)—Quite deaf? The Mother—Yes.

The January

White Sale

This is the month of opportunities for women, because during the first month of the year two very important sales take place. Besides the January Clearance, we have the big White Sale, in which are included.

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Pyrography Goods	half price

Boxed Christmas goods such as manicure sets, toilet sets, shaving sets, etc. one-third regular price.

50c books, 39c; 25c books, 17c

Doll Carts,	Half Price
Children's Chairs,	Half Price

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WE CLOTHE THE WHOLE FAMILY

PERSONAL AND LOCAL

(The Mail is anxious to publish all items of local interest, such as accounts of parties, entertainments or the like in this column and invites its readers to hand in notes of such. Names of those present at various functions will be published to a limited number. Personals are especially desired. More important items will be given under special head.)

Miss Lottie Michener was a visitor at Coal Centre with friends Sunday.

Miss Edith McKean and brother James McKean have returned to their home in Woodlawn after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Michener.

Miss Katharine Laird of Williamsport, who has been visiting her sister Miss Margaret Laird, is ill. Miss Laird is a teacher in the Williamsport schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gear and children of Connellsville have returned home after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Wingett, of Washington avenue.

William Clark was a week end visitor with Thomas and Archie Kirk at Beaver.

Mrs. Clarence Christener has been visiting in Uniontown with friends.

Howard Hughes of Washington, who is a student at Harvard college, has returned to the county seat town after visiting friends in Charleroi.

Tonight the Washington County Club of the Pennsylvania State College will hold its fourth annual dance in the Might Auditorium here. A number of out of town people will be present at the function.

Misses Wilda and Alfred Painter of Avalon, Miss Marie Seitel of Emsworth and Miss Mytle Morris of Wilkinsburg have returned home after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis McCook of Third street.

Mrs. Willis McCook is spending the day in Pittsburg.

R. B. Thomas has returned from a visit in Ohio during the holidays.

Robert Reed of Detroit, Mich., was here last week to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lysle.

Miss Laura Lysle visited friends in Homestead the latter part of last week.

—To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Higat 425 McKean avenue, a daugh-

Mrs. Sarah Shilling is absent on a visit with her sons, G. C. ville, and George E.

Miss Tena Estenfeldeer has gone to Latrobe for a few days' visit.

Dr. and Mrs. O. S. Kelley of Donora were spending Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McGowan of North Charleroi.

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BELLE VERNON MAN SAID TO HAVE TRIED SUICIDE SATURDAY

Robrt D. Potter, aged 28, prominent at Belle Vernon and in Monessen and assistant to the chief shipper of the Pittsburg Steel Company at Monessen, is said in a dispatch to a Pittsburg paper to have attempted to end his life by shooting himself with a revolver at his home at Belle Vernon Sunday morning.

Potter had been absent from home since last Tuesday and his absence over Christmas worred his wife, whom he married in June, 1911. Potter returned at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning and when he found the house locked and darkened he is said to have fired a bullet from his revolver apparently to see if the weapon was in working order. His wife raised a window and asked him where he had been, and in reply Potter is alleged to have fired a bullet into his left temple.

The wounded man was carried into his house and physicians worked with him until Sunday morning when he was taken to the McKeesport hospital. At the hospital Sunday evening it was said Potter probably would die.

Equal to the Emergency.

Being equal to an emergency helps one out of plights into which the best of us sometimes fall. A certain actor came so belated to the theater one evening when he was to play Othello in the tragedy of that name that he forgot to blacken his hands and rushed on the stage with them white and his face sooty. Of course the audience giggled, and poor Othello, when he realized the cause of the mirth, was almost unable to proceed with his part and so deeply mortified that when he made his exit after his first scene he declared that he could not finish the performance, but a happy thought struck him. He procured a pair of flesh colored gloves, blackened his hands, put the gloves on and walked quietly on again. There was quite a little tittering as the Moor went on with his lines, but it entirely subsided as during a speech of one of the other characters the dusky lover carefully drew off his gloves, disclosing hands to match his face. Then those whose risibles had been affected felt small and awkward.

A Wonderful Moss.

One of the most wonderful specimens of vegetable life known to the botanist is the "life moss" of Jamaica, Barbados and other of the West Indian islands. There are several species of tropical plants which have remarkable tenacity of life, but the "life moss" and the story of its vitality are almost beyond belief. Its powers to live under adverse circumstances being certainly beyond that of any other known plant. It appears to be absolutely indestructible by any means except by immersion in boiling water or the application of a redhot iron to its roots and branching vines. It may be cut up and divided into infinitesimal particles, and then the very smallest shred will throw out roots and soon grow and form new branches and buds. Specimens of this extraordinary plant have been suspended in the air in a dry, hot room; they have been placed in close, air tight dark boxes, without moisture of any sort, and yet they lived, grew and flourished.

A Sundial That "Struck."

Paris is said to posses more sundials than any other city in the world. In the eighteenth century the sundial was popular in Paris. Every day at noon the sundial of the Palais Royal was the center of interest of an eager crowd. A writer tells of a "great crowd in the corner of the Palais Royal garden, standing motionless, with their noses in the air." Each was waiting for noon, having his watch in hand, ready to set at 12 o'clock. When the Duke of Orleans was altering the palace in 1782 the Parisians were much disturbed, thinking that they were to be deprived of their favorite sundial. But the duke not only preserved the sundial, but added to it a little powder magazine, which was so arranged that it exploded when the sunlight fell upon it, thus notifying every one who heard the explosion that the hour of noon had arrived. Later a cannon, which was discharged by the sun at noon, gave the signal.

Information Not Needed.

A middle aged woman went into a shop and without hesitation made straight for the crape counter. The girl who handled this funeral material was extremely affable.

"We have a large stock of crapes," she explained. "Let me show you some new French goods, very popular at this time for every kind of mourning and designed to express every degree of grief. If you will tell me for whom you are in mourning I can fix you out in exactly the right thing."

"Husband," replied the customer briefly.

"In that case," said the girl graciously, "I can tell you just what"—

"Young lady," interrupted the older woman angrily, "you needn't bother yourself. This is the fourth husband I've buried, and I know all about it."—St. Paul Dispatch.

The Mush For Webster

In the somewhat famous case of Mrs. Bodgen's will, which was tried to the supreme court many years ago, Daniel Webster appeared as counselor for the appellant Mrs. Greenough, wife of the Rev. William Greenough, was a very self possessed witness. [illegible] all efforts to disconcert her, she pursued the even tenor of her way until Webster, becoming quite fearful of the result, arose, apparently in great agitation, and, drawing out his large muffbox, thrust his thumb and finger to the very bottom and, carrying a deep pinch to both nostrils, drew it up with gusto, and then, extracting from his pocket a very large handkerchief, he blew his nose with a report that rang distinct and loud through the crowded hall.

He then asked, "Mrs. Greenough was Mrs. Bodgen a neat woman?"

"I cannot give you full information as to that, sir. She had one very dirty trick," replied the witness.

"What was that, ma'am?"

"She took snuff!"

Resting on His Laurels.

An undertaker was discussing queer sepultures.

"A queer sepulture indeed," he said, "was that of a German playwright, Gustave von Moser. Von Moser kept [illegible] a costly and beautiful urn. He purposed to be cremated, and his ashes were to be put in the urn afterward.

"But the strangest thing about the urn was that it contained a little bed of ashes during Von Moser's life. He used, you see, to get a good many laurel wreaths when his new plays were put on, and he would take a sprig from each wreath, burn it and drop the ashes into the urn.

"'My own ashes,' he would say, 'will lie on top. Thus after death it may be truly said of me that I am resting on my laurels."—New York Tribune.

Flags We Have Known.

The first flag to float over American soil was the royal standard of Isabella, emblazoned with the arms of Castile and Leon. A white flag with a green cross was its companion. Some years after Columbus landed at San Salvador the Cabots planted the banner of England and of St. Mark of Venice on the eastern shore of North America. In the centuries that have intervened since a variety of national flags have waved where now only the stars and stripes is the accepted emblem. Over Texas have floated the French, Spanish, English, American and Confederate; in Louisiana the lilies of France, the Spanish flag, the tricolor, the American and Confederate flags; in California the Spanish, Mexican, Russian and American.

Moors Consider Us Dirty.

A habit of our own which we consider far more cleanly than eating with our fingers is looked upon by the Moors as filthy—that is, washing our hands or face in a basin and, still more, taking a bath where the water is not running. The cleaner we become, they say, the dirtier the water we are washing with must necessarily become, and eventually we step forth as cleansed from water which is no longer clean. A Moor to wash his hands has the water poured from a vessel over them, and never by any chance dips them into the dirty water. The same way in their baths. The water is thrown over their bodies out of bright brass bowls and flows away through holes in the marble or tile floor.

Mammy's Expedient.

Little Rastus was becoming very objectionable in school because his wool was growing longer and longer, far beyond the cutting stage. The teacher tried hinting to no purpose and then told him outright to go have his hair cut, giving him a quarter for the purpose.

Rastus broke out crying and said "No, ma'am; I dassn't hab it cut. My mammy, she wants a new switch, and she's done a-growin' it on me."—Ladies' Home Journal.

In a Bad Way.

"I fear that my husband will break down. He is suffering from brain exhaustion."

"How dreadful! What are his symptoms?"

"He latterly keeps repeating himself in his excuses for coming home late from the club, dear."

What She Really Wanted.

Ferdie had just proposed to Millie.

"No, Ferdie," she said; "I cannot marry you. The man who gets me must be a grand man, upright and square."

"My dear girl," said Ferdie, "you don't want a man; you want a piano."—Exchange.

Translating the Definition.

Johnny—Papa, what does precocious mean? Papa—It means—a—it is a term applied to children who know more than is usual at their age. Johnny—Oh, yes; it means a fresh kid!

For Appearance.

"How can you marry a man as old as all that?"

"Well, mother says I will look well in white, and sister says I will look well in black."—Pittsburgh Post.

Money and Trouble.

"Money, after all, means nothing but trouble."

"Still, it is the only kind of trouble which it is hard to borrow."—Baltimore American.

He that falls into sin is a man; he that grieves at it is a saint; that boasts of it is a devil.—Fuller

DECREASE NOTED BY RETTRNS OF SPEERS BOROUGH

The triennial valuation returns at Washington from Speers shows a general decline in valuations in that borough according to the assessment as compared with that of 1912. In 1912 the number of taxables returned were 105, but for 1913 the number is 84. The value of occupations is $8,660 as against $9,730 for 1912. The value of houses and lots as returned for 1913 is $70,675. For 1912 it was $130,750. Money at interest for 1912 was returned at $27,000. The return for 1913 is $24,500. For county purposes the total valuation is returned at $139,060. For 1912 it was $140,770.

WILL ENTERTAIN AT RECEPTION ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Richards have issued invitations for a New Year's reception to be held in the lecture room of the Methodist Episcopal church here Wednesday evening, January 1 at 7:30 o'clock.

ENTERTAINMEET GIVEN SATURDAY AT TURNER HALL

An entertainment, at which a Christmas tree was displayed and a treat distributed to children, was held at the Turner Verein hall on McKean avenue Saturday night. There were 148 presents distributed. Dancing and music followed this part of the program. An entertainment is being arranged to be held on New Year's evening.

A Queen Anne Mince Pie.

Take a large cow's tongue; parboil it; to three pounds of tongue take five pounds of beef suet, cut the tongue in thin slices and shred it, but shred the suet by itself; when they are both pretty fine put in the suet by degrees; keep shredding them both together till they are as fine almost as flour; then put in three pounds of currants, being first clean washed, picked and dried; cloves, mace, nutmeg, cinnamon, beat very fine, all together three-quarters of an ounce; half a pound of white sugar, a pound of dates stoned and shredded, three ounces of green citron, three ounces of candied orange cut into small thin bits, the yellow rind of two raw lemons grated, three spoonfuls of verjuice, a gill of malaga sack, half a gill of rosewater. These being well mingled, fill your pies; have a care they do not stand too long in the oven to dry after they are just enough.—From a Cookbook of 1705

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